

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-3 presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2004/0530264, and add new claims 4-7 as shown in the listing of claims.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-3 (canceled)

4. (New) A connection module for a circuit breaker, the connection module being attachable to a main housing of the circuit breaker on a terminal side from which contact straps extend, the connection module comprising:

a plurality of terminal compartments, each bounded by a first side partition, a second side partition, a rear wall, and a terminal compartment bottom, wherein:

each rear wall includes an opening for one of the contact straps to extend into a corresponding one of the plurality of terminal compartments when the connection module is attached to the main housing;

the plurality of terminal compartments are provided with lateral guide elements for box terminals to contact the contact straps, said lateral guide elements being formed in each of the first partition and the second partition; and

the plurality of terminal compartments are provided with bottom-side guide elements for threaded plates to be inserted below the contact straps;

a removable cover, removably coupled to a front of the connection module and bounding a front of each of the plurality of terminal compartments, wherein the removable cover is provided with a fastener access opening at each of the plurality of terminal compartments; and

a plurality of receptacles, each originating at a corresponding terminal compartment bottom and extending away from a corresponding terminal compartment, each receptacle configured to extend coaxially with a through-hole of a corresponding contact strap, and each receptacle being

closed at an opposite end that includes a breakaway wall portion for breaking away to receive a terminal sleeve for coupling to the corresponding contact strap.

5. (New) The connection module as recited in Claim 1, further comprising the terminal sleeve with a flange at an end thereof.

6. (New) The connection module as recited in Claim 1, further comprising a fastener accessible through a corresponding fastener access opening to couple one of a corresponding box terminal, threaded plate, or terminal sleeve to the contact strap.

7. (New) The connection module as recited in Claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of receptacles is cylindrical.